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SUMMARY OF CASES ACCEPTED DURING THE WEEK OF JUNE 19, 2000

[This news release is issued to inform the public and the press of cases that the Supreme Court has accepted and of their general subject matter. The description or descriptions set out below do not necessarily reflect the view of the court, or define the specific issues that will be addressed by the court.]

#00-72 Brennan v. Tremco, Inc., S087204. (B125398; 78 Cal.App.4th 391.)

Petition for review after the Court of Appeal reversed the judgment dismissing a civil action. This case concerns whether a malicious prosecution action may be based on the prosecution of a meritless claim in private, contractual arbitration when the arbitration agreement does not specifically address whether a subsequent malicious prosecution action is permissible.

#00-73 Kasky v. Nike, Inc., S087859. (A086142; 79 Cal.App.4th 165.) Petition for review after the Court of Appeal affirmed the judgment dismissing a civil action. This case concerns whether allegedly false statements by a company concerning its labor practices, made to induce customers to buy its products, are commercial speech or are constitutionally protected noncommercial speech.

#00-74 Conservatorship of Wendland, S087265. (C029439; 78 Cal.App.4th 517.) Petition for review after the Court of Appeal reversed a judgment in a conservatorship proceeding. This case concerns whether Probate Code section 2355 authorizes a

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conservator to withhold life sustaining care from a conservatee who is not in a persistent vegetative state and, if so, whether the statute is constitutional.

DISPOSITION

#99-91 Swinney v. Chevron Chemical Co., S079107, was dismissed and remanded to the Court of Appeal.

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